(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) There is no specific policy for vaccination of influenza in the country. This is due to the fact that influenza is a mild illness and its vaccines gives very short term protection only for one season based on prevalence of strain in the country.

ICMR has initiated a multi-site surveillance programme for human influenza in India. Under the existing influenza surveillance network, five centres are working as regional centres, namely, (i) All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi (AIIMS); (ii) King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Chennai; (iii) Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh; (iv) Virus Unit, Kolkata; and (v) National Institute of Virology, Pune (NIV). Continuous monitoring of the surveillance would ultimately provide the basis for conducting epidemiological studies on influenza disease burden, and evaluate the clinical and economic burden of the disease in India.

Dismissal of AIIMS Director

†1878 SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board for All India Institute of Medical Sciences had taken a decision to dismiss the Director of the Institute on behalf of its President during last months;

(b) if so, when this decision was taken;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Board did not think it necessary to consider the report submitted by expert committee set up to inquire into the irregularities committed into the Institute; and

(d) if so, the basis for the said decision?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The Institute Body of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, as its Meeting held on 5.7.2006 decided to curtail the term of Director of the Institute under the provisions of Regulation No. 31 of AIIMS Regulations, 1999. As per the said provisions, if the Institute is in the opinion that it is in the public interest, the term of office of Director can be terminated at any time before the expiry of his term by giving him a notice of not less than three months in writing or three months salary and allowances in lieu thereof. Director, AIIMS filed a writ petition before Delhi High Court on 6.7.2006. The Single Judge restrained the Government from taking action on the deliberations of the Institute Body. The order was appealed against and a decision was also taken that IB will have a fresh look into the issue. Accordingly, the Institute Body at its meeting held on 18th October, 2006 decided to seek response from Director, AIIMS on various matters contained in agenda items discussed in the meeting and other related matters. On the petition filed by Dr. Venugopal the Single, Judge issued directions against which as appeal has been filed before the Division Bench. The Preliminary response have been submitted by Dr. Venugopal, before Delhi High Court. The matter is *sub judice*. There was no expert committee set up to inquire into the irregularities committed into the Institute.

CGHS hospitals in Hyderabad

1879. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for selecting corporate hospitals entitled for treatment under CGHS;

(b) which are the hospitals selected in Hyderabad as such;

(c) whether there is any watch dog committee to inspect any deviations/ violations of the conditions; and

(d) if so, the details and names of the hospitals so suspended from the scheme in Hyderabad during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY